

REPORT

OF THE

CITY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.

To the City Council :

GENTLEMEN: The Revised Ordinances of the city, Chapter XV, making the city clerk Registrar of Vital Statistics, requiring that he shall keep a full record of all births and deaths, and issue permits for burials, has been complied with, so far as the returns have been received, with the following result :

Whole number of births for 1881, 273, not including 11 still-births ;—males, 149 ; females, 124. Born in Ward 1, 37 ; Ward 2, 6 ; Ward 3, 16 ; Ward 4, 79 ; Ward 5, 43 ; Ward 6, 69 ; Ward 7, 23. In January, 17 ; February, 14 ; March, 19 ; April, 21 ; May, 26 ; June, 19 ; July, 26 ; August, 32 ; September, 24 ; October, 26 ; November, 27 ; December, 22 ;—total, 273.

Nationality of parents : Fathers born in the United States, 174, of which number 50 were natives of Concord ; mothers born in the United States, 195, of which number 59 were natives of Concord ; fathers foreign born, 94 ; mothers foreign born, 73. Four mothers gave birth to twins, one of which was still-born.

Number of intentions of marriage recorded for the year 1881, 118, being 13 less than 1880, and 39 less than 1879.

The returns of marriages solemnized are incomplete; anything like a correct report cannot be given at the present time.

Whole number of deaths reported for the year in the different wards of the city, 239;—males, 116; females, 123. Died in Ward 1, 25; Ward 2, 11; Ward 3, 12; Ward 4, 51; Ward 5, 52; Ward 6, 68; Ward 7, 20. In January, 26; February, 19; March, 24; April, 18; May, 24; June, 13; July, 19; August, 31; September, 22; October, 14; November, 15; December, 14. Ages: Under 5 years, 57; between 5 and 20, 17; between 20 and 30, 20; between 30 and 40, 23; between 40 and 50, 13; between 50 and 60, 27; between 60 and 70, 36; between 70 and 80, 28; over 80, 18.

Deaths in public institutions in addition to the above: New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, 24; State Prison, 6; City Almshouse, 1; Home for the Aged, 1.

Total number of deaths, not including still-born, 271.

The remains of 66 were carried out of the city for burial, and 28 were brought to the city for the same purpose, making the whole number of interments 233, as follows: In Blossom Hill cemetery, 101; Old cemetery, 37; Woodlawn cemetery, 26; Calvary (R. C.) cemetery, 43; Pine Grove cemetery (East Concord), 8; West Concord cemetery, 7; Millville cemetery, 2; Horse Hill cemetery, 1; Soucook cemetery, 1; Minot enclosure, 5; Receiving Tomb, 1; unknown, 1.

Of the total number of deaths, 203 were of persons born in the United States, of which number 92 were natives of Concord, and 36 were foreign born.

The occupations of the deceased were as follows: Editor, clergyman, physician, teacher, contractor, saloon-keeper, marketman, and laundress, 1 each; clerks, hotel-keepers, and seamstresses, 2 each; students, 4; merchants, 6; farmers, 13; laborers, 14; mechanics, 33; housekeepers, 53; not stated, 102.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

CLASS 1—ZYMOTIC DISEASES.—ORDER I—MIASMATIC.

Cholera Infantum,	17	Erysipelas,	2
Croup,	1	Fever, Typhoid,	6
Croup, Diphtheretic,	1	Meningitis,	1
Diphtheria,	3	“ Cerebro Spinal,	2
Dysentery,	6	Scarlatina,	3

CLASS 2—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.—ORDER I.

Cancer,	5	Jaundice,	1
“ of Stomach,	1	Rheumatism, Chronic,	2
“ of Womb,	1	Scrofula,	1
Gastric Fever,	1		

ORDER II—SEPTIC.

Blood Poison,	1	Puerperal Peritonitis,	1
Gangrene,	1	Pyemia,	1

ORDER III—TUBERCULAR DISEASES.

Consumption,	34	Tabes Mesenterica,	1
Hydrocephalus,	1	Tubercular Meningitis,	1

CLASS 3—LOCAL DISEASES.—ORDER I—NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Apoplexy,	7	Convulsions,	3
Brain, Congestion of	3	Epilepsy,	1
“ Disease of	3	Paralysis,	7

ORDER II—CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.

Heart diseases,	17
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ORDER III—RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.

Bronchitis,	2	Pneumonia,	36
“ Chronic,	2	“ Typhoid,	3
Lungs, Congestion of	3	Suffocative Catarrh,	1

ORDER IV—DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.

Bowels, Inflammation of	3	Peritonitis,	2
Enteritis,	1	Stomach, Abscess of	1
Hemorrhage, Intestinal,	1	“ Catarrh of	1
Hernia, Strangulated,	1		

ORDER V—URINARY SYSTEM.

Diabetes,	2	Prostate, Disease of	1
Bright's Disease,	3		

CLASS 4—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.—ORDER I—CHILDREN.

Still-births,	11	Rectum Occlusion,	1
Imperfect Development,	2	Spina Bifida,	1

ORDER II—NUTRITIVE DISEASES.

Anemia,	1	Exhaustion,	4
Marasmus,	4		

ORDER III—OLD PEOPLE.

Old Age,	11	Senile Gangrene,	1
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CLASS 5—VIOLENCE.

Accident, not specified,	1	Accident, drowned,	2
“ railroad.	2		

CLASS 6.

Unknown,	2	Infanticide,	1
Tumor,	2	Child-birth,	1
Congestion,	1	Asphyxia,	1

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH A. COCHRAN,
City Registrar.

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the City Council :

During eleven months of 1881, I made visits to the

Almshouse,	22
To those aided by the overseer of the poor	
not at Almshouse,	130
Office prescriptions,	9
Cases of midwifery,	2

The change in the municipal year makes my report embrace one month less than a full year. During that time I can safely say that there have been fewer calls upon me than any year since I have had the honor to occupy this position. I do not believe that there is another place in this state, of the same number of inhabitants, where the poor are managed so cheaply as in this city, and particularly as regards medical attendance. It must be that the very class that would, in the natural order of events, seem most liable to need medical aid, are remarkably free from disease, or else our physicians do a considerable amount of gratuitous work ; in either case an event no doubt appreciated by the tax-payers.

ALMSHOUSE.

The whole number cared for has been thirteen ; average number nine and a fraction. One inmate has died : a

woman who was admitted November 9, 1880, died September 14, 1881.

The same good care and attention which has been shown the inmates in previous years has continued, and I believe that all have been as comfortable as the circumstances would permit.

I must call attention again to the buildings that are occupied. They have long since passed their usefulness, and are not such as the capital of the state should support.

VACCINATION.

We have an ordinance that forbids scholars entering the public schools until they have been vaccinated, and provides that the city physician shall vaccinate any who are too poor to pay therefor. The present epidemic of small pox in the country has brought this ordinance more forcibly before the public. The secretary of the Board of Education caused the ordinance to be printed and circulated among the schools: the result has been a most general vaccination. At this writing only seventy-five have been vaccinated at the expense of the city.

The wisdom of this law will commend itself to every intelligent person, I am sure, and should be enforced every year.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE COOK, M. D.,
City Physician.

Concord, Jan. 2, 1882.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the City Council :

Twenty complaints have been presented to us in regular form. The nature of them has been,—

Sink-drains unconnected with sewers,	6
Uncleansed privies,	6
Filthy hog-pens,	5
Filthy stables,	3

Our people are intelligent, and we are sure do not desire a nuisance about their buildings: for this reason none have been brought before the court. In almost every case, those complained of have willingly followed our advice. Only in a very few instances has it been necessary to serve a written notice.

The usual number of verbal complaints have been made to individual members of the board. Although not according to law, we have tried to remedy any evil by suggestions, which have been very generally accepted, thus making a formal complaint unnecessary.

We must renew our recommendation made last year, that an ordinance be passed by your honorable body forbidding the keeping of cattle and swine in the compact part of the city during the summer months.

We are well aware that our general statutes are very broad now, and give health officers a large share of authority; but this must come upon complaint, a hearing had, very likely an appeal to the courts, and a long process be-

gun. We must confess we have not desired to enter into any such proceeding.

An ordinance passed at once, that cattle and swine should not be kept in the compact part of the city from the twentieth of May to the twentieth of October, would give plenty of time for all who do keep such to prepare for the coming season.

WATER SUPPLY.

No city has purer water than this. Surely, nine tenths of our people within the water supply,—the larger share of our population,—use the water from the main source.

We have heard no complaint as to quality. Will this always be so? It must be remembered, that just as the water enters the main pipe, it is delivered to the consumer. It is a question how much the practice of making Long pond a resort for bathers and boat excursionists in summer contributes to keep the supply pure and healthy.

SEWERS.

This city has now invested in sewers seventy-five thousand dollars. We believe we have a very complete system. Economy demands that they should be properly cared for. Our very efficient superintendent of streets sees to it that the man-holes and cesspools are kept cleaned out, and that all private drains are connected in such a manner as not to injure the sewers; but nothing is done to protect the individual beyond the licensing of drain-layers. Too often such have very crude ideas about the soil-pipe's connection with the house. The result is, the very thing that is intended as an aid to the people becomes an evil.

Some one person, who is well versed in sewer construction and their management, should have charge of all our sewers, and should be held responsible for them. He should allow no person to receive a license as a drain-layer who is not properly instructed in soil-pipe connection with the dwelling, viz., ventilation, traps, &c. Such a person should

not only instruct drain-layers, but should see that his advice is followed.

We are sure such a large amount of property, and such peculiar property as sewers, cannot be properly looked after except by one thoroughly competent. With an increased water supply soon to be had, pipes should be so arranged that by the raising of a gate our sewers could be flushed. This should be done regularly.

Ventilation of sewers is a matter of the greatest importance. How can this best be done? First, every soil pipe should be of itself a ventilator; perforated covers for the man-holes, and the removal of every trap from off the cesspools. Let me remind you that the traps placed at the entrance of the cesspools about half the time do not work. Something deranges them. When this is so, large quantities of sewer gas will escape; while if they all were off, together with the man-holes arranged as suggested, so little would escape from each that by mingling with the surrounding atmosphere no harm could come from any.

VITAL STATISTICS.

DEATHS.

Whole number of deaths among residents, .	240
Population,	14,000
Death-rate per thousand,	17.07

The registrar in his tables gives the whole number of deaths in different wards as 239. We have included the one death at the almshouse, which makes the total just the same number as last year. But the number of still-births was only 11, while last year it was 15. In Class I, we find cholera infantum at the head of the list. Two occurred in June, eleven in July, two each in August and September. In Class II, there are five from cancer and one from scrofula. *Very indefinite.* Order II. Consumption has had 34, while last year there were 37. Class III, Order I—there were

three from convulsions, which occurred in infants. While the whole of Order III was from diseases of the lungs, all but two were acute, pneumonia having 40;—seven in January; five in February; seven in March; six in April; five in May; five in June; one in July; one in August; one in September; one in October; and one in November. Deaths occurred from this cause in every month in the year except December.

We find nothing very mentionable further until we come to the last class,—“unknown, two,” which is honest. It is much more creditable to put down as not knowing what caused death, than it is to use some very indefinite term. Tumor two; congestion one; childbirth one; asphyxia one. These last, to place it mild, are not intelligent.

The one case of infanticide was of a full-term female child found in the reservoir. It was evidently born alive. We would notice that 57 deaths occurred under 5 years of age, and 46 over 70 years.

We will say our undertakers have taken much pains to comply with the law, and we feel quite sure that our total of deaths is correct.

Physicians have, as a general rule, been quite prompt in making the certificate of death. It must be remembered that they are required by law to do this; and it should always be done as soon after death as possible, in order to save the undertaker trouble. While the cause of death has been in most cases clear to the registrar, there is still a chance for more complete clearness.

BIRTHS.

Two hundred and seventy-three living births is a very good showing, compared with the deaths, which, including still-births, were only 251. We believe that this year our total of births has been very correct. Physicians and midwives have been very prompt in making returns, and in some cases have reported those that they have learned of

that occurred without attendance. We would suggest that, as the return of births is to be made within six days, if a little more care were exercised the name of the child would appear more often in the certificate. While for our tables the number and sex are the most important, to make the record valuable in years to come the name should be in the certificate.

HOSPITAL.

We desire to call attention to the fact that at least there should be a building somewhere, of easy access, that could be used in case small-pox should occur among us. If the city had a proper place, no one would object to being removed from his home, and thus save exposing the other members of the household.

Very respectfully,

GEORGE COOK, M. D.,

Member of the Board of Health.

Concord, January 2, 1882.

REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

To the Hon. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Concord :

The Cemetery Committee beg leave to present the following report for the year ending December 31, 1881 :

OLD NORTH CEMETERY.

Received for interest on invested fund,	\$42.00	
“ “ Wentworth fund,	4.00	
“ “ T. French fund,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$52.00
Paid Charles Woodman, 5 days,	\$10.00	
T. Carley, 3 days,	4.50	
C. Baker, 15 days,	18.75	
J. Coty, 15 days,	18.75	
	<hr/>	\$52.00

BLOSSOM HILL CEMETERY.

Received from sale of lots,	\$2,233.30
“ McQuesten fund,	10.00
“ digging graves,	225.00
“ hay, George Kellom,	24.00
“ “ J. Gallaher,	30.00

Received from hay, A. H. Curtice,	\$5.00	
“ timber, W. K. Holt & Co.,	37.60	
Balance from last year,	88.69	
	<hr/>	\$2,653.59

Paid City Treasurer one half sales of lots, to be added to invested fund,	\$1,116.65	
T. Carley, for 180 days' labor,	270.00	
C. Baker, 155 “	193.00	
J. Coty, 118 “	152.50	
horse and cart, 12 “	21.00	
C. O. Foss, surveying,	32.05	
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith, tools,	7.57	
G. L. Theobald, grading,	115.21	
Mead, Mason & Co., stakes,	1.75	
for water,	16.00	
C. Baker, digging graves,	76.00	
C. Woodman, 55 days' services,	110.00	
Balance in hands of committee,	541.86	
	<hr/>	\$2,653.59

The amount of the Permanent Fund now in the hands of the city treasurer is as follows :

Amount in his hands, Jan. 31, 1881,	\$1,974.63	
Interest, eleven months, at 6 per cent.,	107.70	
Cash paid in this year,	1,116.65	
	<hr/>	\$3,198.98

J. H. CHASE,
CHARLES WOODMAN.

WEST CONCORD CEMETERY.

The committee would make the following report for the year ending December 31, 1881 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	\$2.60	
Received from sale of lots,	23.00	
	<hr/>	\$25.60

EXPENDITURES.

For improvements and care of grounds,	\$6.00	
Paid city treasurer one half sale of lots,	11.50	
Cash on hand,	8.10	
	<u> </u>	\$25.60

B. T. PUTNEY,
TIMOTHY CARTER,
O. L. SHEPARD,
Cemetery Committee.

WM. F. THAYER, Treasurer,

In account with Blossom Hill Cemetery.

Dr.

Feb. 1, 1881. Balance cash on hand,	\$68.25	
One half sales, Feb. 1		
to Dec. 31, 1881,	1,116.65	
Interest on bonds,	59.85	
	<u> </u>	\$1,244.75

Cr.

By cash paid for Concord bond,	\$1,000.00	
Jan. 1, 1882. By cash on hand,	244.75	
	<u> </u>	\$1,244.75

INVESTED FUNDS.

U. S. 4 per cent. bonds,	\$550.00	
Merrimack County bonds,	900.00	
State of New Hampshire bonds,	200.00	
City of Concord bonds,	1,200.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,850.00

WM. F. THAYER, Treasurer,

In account with Old North Cemetery.

		Dr.	
Feb. 1, 1881.	Balance cash on hand,	\$15.00	
	Interest on bonds,	42.00	
		<hr/>	\$57.00
			Cr.
	By cash paid Charles Woodman,	\$42.00	
Jan. 1, 1882.	Balance on hand,	15.00	
		<hr/>	\$57.00

INVESTED FUNDS.

City of Concord, N. H., bonds,	\$700.00
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WM. F. THAYER, Treasurer,

In account with West Concord Cemetery.

		Dr.	
Feb. 1, 1881.	Balance on hand,	\$48.50	
	Cash from sale of lots,	11.50	
		<hr/>	\$60.00
			Cr.
Jan. 1, 1882.	Balance on hand,		\$60.00

Respectfully submitted.

WM. F. THAYER, *Treasurer.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To the City Council :

The trustees of the public library present their report for the year ending Jan. 31, 1882. Accompanying are reports of the librarian and treasurer, from which may be obtained the financial and present condition of the library, now numbering 8205 volumes.

The librarian alludes to a decrease in the number of persons who have used the library, and gives reasonable explanation for this declension. The same falling away is noticed and mentioned in most of the libraries in the country. The trashy current reading matter of the day is furnished at so low a rate that it can be possessed by most any person. Your trustees, concluding not to pander to the appetite for low fiction, have ceased to provide it, and prefer to expend the city's money in the purchase of books of a substantial and profitable character for old and young, and leave the lower class of books to be obtained by personal purchase, if wanted. Therefore a class of persons who seek only the lower grades of literature have partially ceased to call for books.

Among other additions to the library is that of a superior globe, upon which are shown the later geographical discoveries, the ocean currents, so far as known, and the thermal

lines, or currents of heat. These are interesting studies. It is valuable to understand the seeming discrepancies in temperature to be found on the same latitudes, in the various sections of this country, and in other parts of the world, and the influence of ocean streams toward producing these variations.

Near the close of 1881, Mr. F. S. Crawford tendered his resignation as librarian, to take effect Jan. 31, 1882. From its commencement, nearly twenty-five years, he has had charge of the library. In these years the library has grown from small beginnings to the number of volumes above reported. To his judicious labor the city owes much for the meritorious selection of books for the library. During these years the most pleasant relations have existed between him and the board of trustees, and with the patrons of the library. The trustees hereby personally assure him of their appreciation of his devotion to the public interests in this official capacity. In accepting Mr. Crawford's resignation, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and entered upon the library records :

WHEREAS, Frederick S. Crawford has voluntarily resigned the office of librarian of the public library of Concord,—therefore

Resolved, That the trustees hereby record their most hearty appreciation of the faithful services of Mr. Crawford, rendered to the city through a period of nearly twenty-five years of devoted and arduous work in the city library.

Mr. Daniel F. Secomb was chosen to fill said vacancy, to enter upon his duties Feb. 1, 1882.

The board also voted to classify, rearrange, and re-catalogue the library, and chose Rev. L. G. Barrett secretary of the board, with authority to inaugurate these and other changes, with the coöperation of the librarian. It is proposed to reorganize the library and make it conform to the most approved methods of classification, and introduce another method for delivering and returning books. Other

improvements are contemplated, to make the library of greater value to its readers.

The trustees hereby express their thanks to all persons who have contributed books to the library, and they solicit future favors.

A LIBRARY BUILDING NEEDED.

The library has nearly out-grown its present apartments. The city is decidedly in need of a suitable and judiciously located building to contain its present library, and such books as may be added to it in the years to come. This has long been a want. Had the city possessed such a building, the trustees feel assured that large donations of money would long ago have been received from citizens, and sons abroad, to extend the library's usefulness. Until such a building is provided by the city, your trustees feel that they cannot expect any considerable aid from her citizens. But two bequests of money have ever been made to the city, in trust, the annual income to be expended for the purchase of books,—namely, the G. Parker Lyon and Franklin Pierce funds, each \$1,000. Mr. Pierce's bequest would have been \$5,000, had the city possessed a suitable and conveniently located building in which to deposit, with reasonable safety, the volumes the income of his donation would annually buy. This difference in amount, lost for the past fourteen years, and for coming time, would have provided a valuable library of itself.

But this amount is not all that has been virtually rejected through indifference to the needs of the city for a library building. In the early days of the establishment of this library, a son of Concord, holding a great affection for the place of his nativity, and being a frequent visitor to it, proposed to donate a handsome sum of money, the annual interest of which to go to the purchase of books for the library, on condition that the city would provide a suitable library building. No such building has been furnished;

therefore the proposed gift has never been received. Another pecuniary loss for the past years! But what of its future? The man still lives, and doubtless awaits opportunity to testify his love for the place of his birth. What other city or town would not have striven to secure such offers?

There are other citizens of Concord who avowedly stand ready to donate funds on similar conditions. It is not for want of friends that funds have been withheld to largely increase the stock of valuable books for the use of this people. Enterprise on the city's part has been the lack. To make amends for the past, and with proper regard to the future, the tax-payers of the city are now appealed to, through their representatives in the city councils. May they not properly be importuned to supply this need this year of 1882? No other great enterprise seems to appear in the year's horizon to demand especial attention. This one seems now to be preëminent. It is believed that no other place in New England, of the population, wealth, and conspicuous position of Concord, has done so little to provide educational facilities in this direction. Even small towns of less than half Concord's wealth and population, in this and other New England states, have elegant and substantial library buildings, with superior libraries therein. This city cannot afford to remain longer in the background.

Concord is well provided with churches, school-houses, and other public buildings, with pure aqueduct water, sewage, good highways, bridges, fire apparatus and buildings, fire alarms, railway privileges, etc. These are already attained. But she has little to be pointed to with pride for a library and reading-room. The city seems to lack little that pertains to amusement, comfort, convenience, culture, education, luxury, and protection. But this one thing she does lack to make her the peer of other communities of equal size and wealth.

The supplying of this need is now asked. Let it not be granted in a niggardly manner, but with a conception

worthy of the state capital. *A Memorial Library Building* is sought, suitable for the reception of all books for a century, with accommodations for portraits, statuary, or other methods of commemorating the services of her distinguished soldiers and citizens. No better monument could be erected for memorial purposes. None other would be needed. Such a memorial would be better than bronze or stone.

Respectfully submitted.

A. W. FISKE, Ward 1,
J. T. CLOUGH, Ward 2,
C. M. PERRY, Ward 3,
F. D. AYER, Ward 4,
GEO. E. JENKS, Ward 5,
L. G. BARRETT, Ward 6,
T. G. VALPEY, Ward 7,
Trustees of Public Library.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Public Library :

Your librarian herewith submits his annual report for the year ending January 31, 1882 :

Number of volumes in library at last report,	7,890
Additions by purchase,	175
Additions by donations,	140
Present number of volumes,	8,205

There has been a falling off in the number of persons who have used the library the past year, which I think is due to the flood of cheap literature which has deluged the country.

Very valuable additions have been made to the general and to the reference departments of the library. The donations have been as follows :

By George E. Jenks, Esq.,—1 vol. Sprague's Letters to Young Men ; 1 Lectures to Young Men, H. W. Beecher ; 1 Inspiration of the Bible ; 1 Letters and Counsels, Legh Richmond ; 1 Benefit of Christ's Death, from the Italian ; Bureau of Education—Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1878.

From Secretary of the Interior, Washington,—1 Report Secretary of the Treasury, 1880 ; Vol. XII Hayden's Geographical Survey of the Territories of U. S. ; 1 Lands of the Arid Regions of the U. S. ; 1 Geology of the Henry Mountains ; 1 History of North American Pinnipeds ; 1 Report of Life Saving Service, 1880 ; 1 Report on Rocky Mountain Locust and the Western Cricket ; 1 Report of Geological and Geographical Survey of Idaho and Wyoming, Hayden ; 2 vols. Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office for 1881.

From Hon. E. H. Rollins,—83 vols. public documents.

From J. B. Crawford, the author,—The Credit Mobilier of America, its Origin and History.

From Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., Worcester, Mass.,—1 The Jubilee Sabbath of Piedmont Church.

From Capt. Geo. W. Wheeler, Engineer Corps U. S. A.,—6 vols., 2 to 7 inclusive, of the United States Geographical Surveys West of the 100th Meridian.

From Canterbury Shakers,—7 vols. Shaker Manifesto ; 1 Plain Evidences ; 1 War and Peace ; 1 Brief Exposition ; 1 Anne Lee, a biography.

From Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society,—11 vols. Swedenborg Library ; 1 Heaven and Hell ; 1 Angelic Wisdom ; 1 The New Jerusalem ; 1 Compendium of the Writings of Swedenborg.

From Hon. Wm. E. Chandler,—2 vols. Rise and Fall of the Southern Confederacy, by Jefferson Davis.

On account of the small patronage that was extended to the reading-room established in May, 1880, it was thought best by the trustees to discontinue that department as to the newspapers ; and at the expiration of the year's subscrip-

tion they were discontinued, with the exception of the New York *Herald* and the Boston *Journal*. The room is still furnished with the current magazines and reviews for the use of the patrons of the library and strangers.

In December last, by order of the trustees, notice was given that the books would not be called for in January as usual, as it is a time in which people wish to read. The time of the annual return has not yet been determined, but it will be at a future meeting, and due notice given.

Respectfully submitted.

FRED'K S. CRAWFORD, *Librarian*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WM. P. FISKE, *Treasurer*,

In Account with CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DR.

1881. To appropriation,	\$1,000.00	
balance from last year,	64.90	
interest on Lyon fund,	60.00	
interest on Pierce fund,	60.00	
receipts from library,	154.77	
	<hr/>	\$1,339.67

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1881. By paid Republican Press Ass'n,	\$48.50
Feb. Jas. R. Osgood & Co.,	6.00
Dodd, Mead & Co.,	4.00
March. 2 vols. Bryant's U. S.,	12.00
Scribner's Sons,	10.00
J. N. McClintock,	9.00
Cassell, Petter & Galpin,	27.00
April. Concord Gas Light Co.,	19.44
N. G. Carr,	6.50
Brown & Bean,	4.00
May. C. F. Batchelder,	33.00
O. D. Case & Co.,	60.00
June. Encyclopedia Britannica,	5.00
J. N. McClintock,	3.00

June.	By paid Cassell, Petter & Galpin,	\$4.00	
	E. C. Eastman,	146.97	
July.	Chas. Diedrich,	71.83	
	Concord Gas Light Co.,	20.52	
	Republican Press Ass'n,	6.00	
	C. F. Batchelder,	10.00	
Aug.	Cassell, Petter & Galpin,	3.00	
	D. Appleton & Co.,	16.00	
	P. C. Cheney Co.,	19.12	
Oct.	Concord Gas Light Co.,	20.79	
	J. N. McClintock,	1.50	
	Brown & Bean,	21.00	
Nov.	Amer. Bap. Pub. Soc'y,	16.50	
	H. F. Wood,	4.00	
	Dodd, Mead & Co.,	15.75	
	J. N. McClintock,	8.00	
1882.			
Jan.	Concord Gas Light Co.,	25.11	
	Cassell, Petter & Galpin,	4.00	
	Jas. R. Osgood & Co.,	6.00	
	D. L. Guernsey,	15.60	
	B. P. Smith,	4.00	
	F. S. Crawford, salary,	450.00	
	F. S. Crawford, bill for binding (in part),	136.77	
	F. S. Crawford, inciden- tals at library,	63.00	
	Postage,	.06	
	Cash on hand,	2.71	
			<hr/> \$1,339.67

WM. P. FISKE, *Treasurer.*

Concord, Feb. 1, 1882.

REPORT

OF THE

CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Council :

The suit of John F. Edgerly and Wife *v.* Concord has made some progress since my last report. At the October term, 1881, the facts in the case were agreed upon by the parties, and the case was transferred to the Law Term. At the December Law Term an order was made for briefs, under the rule. It is impossible to tell just when the case will be decided.

The suit of Ann G. Currier *v.* Concord is in the same condition as when I made my report one year ago.

The suit of George W. Wadleigh *v.* Concord was tried by the jury at the April term, 1881, and resulted in a verdict against the city for \$200. This amount, together with the costs, has been paid to Mr. Wadleigh by the city, and this is the end of the case.

The petition of Lyman D. Stevens, trustee, for the abatement of certain taxes, was tried at the April term, 1881. The decision of the court was in favor of the city, and the case has been settled in accordance with the findings of the court.

November 5, 1881, the city brought a suit against the town of Warner, to recover certain money paid by said city for the support of one Abbie E. Carter, a pauper, who has

a settlement in said town of Warner. The writ is returnable at the April term, 1882.

December 17, 1881, Lydia W. Clough, of Bow, filed a petition in the supreme court, praying that she may be permitted to file her claim for damages, which she claims to have received by reason of stepping into a hole in the sidewalk on the east side of Main street, opposite the store of Flanders & Emmons, in said Concord, on the 22d day of June, 1881, whereby she sustained severe injuries, as she claims. The amount of damages claimed is \$2,000. It will be heard at the April term, 1882.

The suits of Edgerly and Currier *v.* Concord, and Concord *v.* Warner, and the petition of Lydia W. Clough, are all the cases now in court in which the city is a party.

ROBERT A. RAY, *Solicitor.*

Dec. 31, 1881.

REPORT

OF THE

POLICE JUSTICE.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Concord :

The police justice herewith submits the twenty-ninth report, comprising the transactions of the police court during the eleven months ending with this date.

One hundred and twenty-eight civil actions have been entered in the police court during that period.

Two persons of foreign birth have filed their declarations of intention to become citizens of the United States.

One hundred and seventy-two persons, charged with the commission of criminal offences, have been arraigned before the police justice.

The particulars respecting those prosecutions in which the city marshal and the assistant city marshal participated may be found in the reports of those officers.

The police justice charges himself as follows :

For costs belonging to the city, arising	
from criminal prosecutions,	\$180.15
For fines,	976.00
For fees in civil actions,	66.84
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	\$1,222.49

And discharges himself as follows :

Paid expenses,	\$20.84 .
Paid to the city treasurer,	1,201.65
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	\$1,222.49

SYLVESTER DANA,
Police Justice.

Concord, December 31, 1881.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the City Council :

The undersigned respectfully submits the following report of the doings of the police department of the city of Concord for eleven months ending December 31, 1881.

The whole number of arrests made during the eleven months, not including those made at Fisherville, was 225, as follows :

Assault and battery,	23
Assault and obstructing an officer,	5
Bastardy,	1
Breaking and entering,	4
Breaking glass,	1
Evading car fare,	2
Embezzlement,	1
For being out late at night,	21
Intoxication,	72
Insane persons,	3
Keeping lager beer for sale,	7
Keeping liquor for sale and selling liquor,	32
Keeping a dog without a license,	1
Keeping saloon open on Sunday,	1
Keeping saloon open after 10 o'clock,	3
Larceny,	21
Noise, brawl, and tumult,	3
Open, gross lewdness,	1
Perjury,	1
Rude and disorderly conduct,	11
Rape,	1
Suspicious persons,	10
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	225

Of the above cases, 130 were arraigned before the police court, charged with the following offences, to wit :

Assault and battery,	14
Assault and obstructing an officer,	5
Bastardy,	1
Breaking and entering,	4
Breaking glass,	1
Evading car fare,	2
Embezzlement,	1
Intoxication,	37
Keeping lager beer for sale,	7
Keeping liquor for sale and selling liquor,	32
Keeping a dog without a license,	1
Keeping saloon open on Sunday,	1
Keeping saloon open after 10 o'clock,	3
Larceny,	15
Noise, brawl, and tumult,	1
Open, gross lewdness,	1
Perjury,	1
Rude and disorderly conduct,	3
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	130

And were disposed of as follows :

Sentenced to pay fines,	82
Ordered to recognize to appear at the supreme court,	35
Discharged by the court,	8
Nol. proied,	5
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	130
Discharged without complaint,	95
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Total,	225

Thirty-eight buildings have been found open and secured.

The whole number of lodgers accommodated at the station-house during eleven months was 89.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CONNELL,
City Marshal.

Concord, Dec. 31, 1881.

ASSISTANT CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the City Council :

The undersigned submits the following report of the police department in Ward 1 (Fisherville) for eleven months ending December 31, 1881 :

Whole number of arrests,	25
Assault on an officer,	1
Assault and battery,	6
Assault,	1
Disorderly conduct,	4
Keeping intoxicating liquor for sale,	2
Keeping saloon open after ten o'clock,	1
Intoxication,	8
Disturbing the peace,	1
Driving a horse faster than stipulated,	1
	— 25

Of the above cases, 13 were arraigned before the police court for the following offences, to wit :

Assault on an officer,	1
Assault and battery,	4
Disorderly conduct,	1
Intoxication,	4
Keeping intoxicating liquor for sale,	2
Keeping saloon open after ten o'clock,	1
	— 13

And were disposed of as follows :

Sentenced to pay fines,	11
Ordered to recognize to appear at the supreme court,	2
	— 13

Discharged without complaint, 12.

Number of lodgers accommodated at the station-house, 16.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. COREY,

Assistant City Marshal.

Fisherville, Dec. 29, 1881.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Aldermen :

I hereby present my report for the eleven months ending Dec. 31, 1881. The report contains a record of the fires, together with an estimate of the losses and insurance on the same. The report also contains a full list of the officers and members of the different organizations composing the Concord Fire Department, the number and location of the hydrants, and the location of the fire-alarm boxes. We have been fortunate in escaping any serious conflagrations, and with the exception of the fire at the works of the Page Belting Company, on April 5th, the losses have been slight.

Six hundred feet of hose have been added to our equipment, and everything has been kept in as good condition as possible. Some new hose will be needed the coming year, to replace hose that is more than twenty years old, and is unsafe to use owing to its extreme age.

I would also call your attention to the need of some new ladders to replace old ones that have become unsafe, and nearly worthless.

The electric fire-alarm continues to work satisfactorily, but I would respectfully urge your honorable body to make renewed efforts to get a striker put on the city's bell on the board of trade building.

I wish to take this opportunity to tender my thanks to the mayor and the committee on fire department for their willing support in every measure designed to promote the

efficiency of the department. Also, to the assistant engineers, and officers and members of the entire force, my thanks are due for their prompt and willing attention to duty at all times.

JAMES N. LAUDER,
Chief Engineer.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE YEAR.

April 3, 1881. Alarm from Box 27, Peter Little's chimney. Loss \$25; insured.

April 5. From Box 15, Page-Belting Co. Loss \$24,000; insured.

April 6. From Box 35, H. Thompson's shop. No loss.

April 8. Box 16, house on Walnut street. Loss \$200.

April 21. False alarm.

April 21. Box 26, corner Prince and Green streets. No loss.

June 2. Box 25, railroad bridge. No loss.

June 15. Box 35, Clough & Corning's building. Loss \$2,500; insured \$1,000.

July 5. Box 26, Mr. Pierce's house on Union street. Small loss; insured.

Sept. 20. Box 23, steam-mill. No loss.

Dec. 13. Box 5, Ranlet & Prescott. Loss about \$50.

FISHERVILLE ALARMS.

April 24. Alarm from Boscawen.

April 28. E. P. Everett's house. Loss \$550; fully insured.

June 8. L. Gahagan's house. No loss.

Dec. 23. Fire on Boscawen side.

ROLL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 1882.

CHIEF ENGINEER.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
JAMES N. LAUDER,	General Master Mechanic, B., L. & C. R. R.	Franklin street.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

N. H. HASKELL,	Painter,	Green street.
CHAS. M. LANG,	Painter,	Centre street.
WM. D. LADD,	Iron merchant,	Rumford street.
DANIEL B. NEWHALL,	Clerk,	State street.
GEO. L. LOVEJOY,	Undertaker,	Fayette street.
ROBERT CROWTHER,	Carpenter,	Ward One.
JOHN E. FRYE,	Farmer,	Ward Two.
HARRISON PARTRIDGE,	Merchant,	Ward Three.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

Six fire suits, \$75; 6 badges, \$48; 8 fire hats, \$64; 6 lanterns, \$30;—total, \$217.

Miscellaneous property not in service.

Two hose-carriages, \$325; 2 brass trumpets, \$10; 3 bells, \$8; 1 set new grates for steamer, \$7; 2 brass crank-boxes, \$4; 1 lignum-vitæ crank box, \$3; 3 extra lathes for pump packing, \$3; 3 extra pump valve guides, \$3;—total, \$363.

Schedule of Property at Central Fire Station.

One wheelbarrow, \$6; 2 vises, \$12; 1 fire-pot, \$4; 1 step-ladder, \$8.50; 1 ash-pail, \$3; 3 set hose clamps, \$4.50; 3 riveting bars, \$4; 1 setting-tool, \$1.50; 1 pair cut nippers, \$1.50; lot punches, \$2; ½ ton cannel coal, \$11.50; 3 cords slabs, \$6; 8 tons hard coal, \$68; 4 barrels coke, \$6; 1 grindstone, \$8;—total, \$146.50.

KEARSARGE STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY.

Central Fire Station—Warren Street.

OFFICERS.

GEO. A. GLOVER, *Foreman*,
 B. F. HARDY, *Asst. Foreman*.

D. W. C. EVERETT, *Clerk*.
 JAS. H. SANDERS, *Engineer*.

MEMBERS.

<i>No. of Badge.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
11.	Geo. A. Glover,	Tinsmith,	State street, cor. West.
12.	B. Frank Hardy,	Clerk,	Fayette street.
17.	Warren H. Corning,	Hair Dresser,	Green street.
15.	Jas. H. Sanders,	Carriage Painter,	Elm street.
16.	Chas. H. Sanders,	Machinist,	South street.
18.	A. L. Currier,	R. R. Conductor,	Prince street.
13.	D. W. C. Everett,	Clerk,	Tremont street.
19.	C. C. Blanchard,	Carriage Painter,	State street.
20.	Geo. E. Minot,	Lamplighter,	Green street.
21.	H. C. Minot,	Clerk,	Montgomery street.
14.	C. C. Nutter,	Painter,	State street.
22.	C. W. Corning,	Printer,	Green street.
23.	W. J. Leighton,	Painter,	Rumford street.
	W. M. Leaver,	Painter,	Thorndike street.
	B. Billsborough,	Painter,	Walnut street.

Schedule of Property—Steamer Kearsarge.

Steamer, \$3,200; hose-carriage, \$600; 12 fire suits and 13 fire hats, \$232.25; 10 reefing jackets, \$75; 2 blunderbusses, with spray nozzles, \$53; 1 hydrant coupling, \$16; 3 lanterns and 2 water-buckets, \$12; 1 smoke stack, \$10; 10 spanner belts, \$10; 10 sets spanners, \$10; 7 wrenches, \$5; 1 shovel, 1 bar, 1 axe, \$4; 1 poker, 1 oil-can, 5 feet rubber hose, 1 hammer, \$3.50; 1 reducer, \$2.50; 2 horse blankets, \$10; 1 mud apron, \$5; 1 jack-screw, \$5; 2 gallon oil-cans and 2 hydrant wrenches, \$5; 1 feather duster, 1 hand brush, \$3.75; 2 hydrant gates, \$25.00;—total, \$3,887.00.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Central Fire Station—Warren Street.

OFFICERS.

FRANK W. BLAKE, *Foreman*,
JOHN H. TOOF, *Asst. Foreman*.

G. W. JOHNSON, *Clerk*.

MEMBERS.

<i>No. of Badge.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
24.	Frank W. Blake,	Clerk,	No. 20 Thompson street.
26.	G. W. Johnson,	Painter,	Downing street.
27.	Reuben R. Grant,	Blacksmith,	School st., near Main.
28.	J. Holt,	Clerk,	Main street.
29.	Wm. T. Packard,	Moulder,	Centre street.
25.	John H. Toof,	Laundry,	State street.
30.	John Marsh,	Driver,	Main street.
31.	C. J. Byron,	Baggage Master,	Railroad square.
32.	J. C. McGilvery,	Carpenter,	State street.
33.	E. P. Burroughs,	Clerk,	School street.
34.	B. A. Calef,	Clerk,	1 Railroad square.
35.	J. Ed. Morrison,	Machinist,	Tremont street.

Schedule of Property—Eagle Hose, No. 1.

One four-wheeled hose-carriage, \$700; 1 two-horse pole, \$30; 1 hand pole and rope reel, \$10; 30 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch rope, \$2; 12 fire hats, \$75; 12 reefing jackets, \$90; 14 canvas coats, 14 canvas overalls, \$140; 2 hand lanterns, \$5; 1 axe, \$3; 1 iron bar, \$2; 2 leather hose pipes, 1 Allen's spray and stop nozzle, 1 common nozzle, \$45; 2 reducing castings, \$5; 2 pails, \$1; 1 sprinkler, \$1; 2 chamols skins, \$1.25; 1 whip, \$1.25; 1 horse blanket, \$5; 2 oil-cans, \$1; 2 hydrant wrenches, \$4; 2 ladder straps, \$2; 4 sets spanners, \$4; spanner belts, \$3.25; 1 broom, .25; 2 hydrant gates, \$25.00;—total, \$1,158.00.

ALERT HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Washington Street.

OFFICERS.

B. F. TUCKER, *Foreman.*J. F. SCOTT, *Clerk.*C. A. DAVIS, *Asst. Foreman.*

MEMBERS.

<i>No. of Badge.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
37.	B. F. Tucker,	Stove-mounter,	Henry street.
38.	C. A. Davis,	Blacksmith,	Washington street.
39.	J. F. Scott,	Carpenter,	Franklin street.
40.	F. S. Johnson,	Harness-maker,	Centre street.
41.	E. A. Saltmarsh,	Moulder,	Walnut street.
42.	W. H. Davis,	Tailor,	Washington street.
46.	Henry Tucker,	Moulder,	Franklin street.
43.	Fred Leighton,	Printer,	State street.
49.	W. H. Adams,	Teamster,	Beacon street.
43.	F. S. Davis,	Grocery clerk,	Washington street.
45.	Fred Earl,	Moulder,	Jackson street.
48.	J. R. Kennedy,	Barber,	Essex street.

Schedule of Property—Alert Hose, No. 2.

Brick house and furniture, \$2,500; 1 four-wheeled hand hose carriage, \$600; 2 pipes and nozzles, \$40; 2 hydrant wrenches, \$4; 1 monkey wrench, \$1.25; 3 ladder straps, \$1.50; 3 hose jackets, \$7.50; 6 spanner belts, \$9; 12 spanners, \$9; 14 hose suits, \$140; 15 fire hats, \$90; 15 black walnut chairs, \$37.50; 10 office chairs, \$15; 1 mat, \$1.25; 2 spittoons, \$1.50; 1 feather duster, \$3; 1 iron ash barrel, \$5; 1 box stove, \$15; 1 cottage stove, \$8; 40 feet rope, \$2; 1 table, \$6; 1 cupboard, \$8; 1 carriage jack, \$2; 1 copper boiler, \$5; 1 pail, .25; 1 scrub brush, .50; 1 mop, .25; 1 snow shovel, .75; 2 oil-cans, .50; 50 feet rubber hose and nozzle, \$10; 1 axe, .75; 1 saw, .75; 2 hydrant gates, \$25.00; 2 chamols skins, \$1;—total, \$3,551.25.

GOOD WILL HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

State Street.

OFFICERS.

N. A. DUNCKLEE, *Foreman.*N. G. CARR, *Clerk.*W. E. DOW, *Asst. Foreman.*

MEMBERS.

<i>No. of Badge.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
50.	N. A. Duncklee,	Stable-keeper,	Fayette street.
52.	Norman G. Carr,	Jeweller,	Thompson street.
57.	Herman D. Webster,	Wood-worker,	Grove st., cor. Perley,
55.	John F. Bartlett,	Blacksmith,	West street.
54.	David J. Rolfe,	Painter,	State st., cor. Laurel.
51.	Wm. E. Dow,	Painter,	Pleasant street.
58.	Benjamin T. Bickford,	Trimmer,	State street.
59.	Wm. R. Carter,	Blacksmith,	State street.
60.	E. L. Peacock,	Clerk,	State st., near Laurel.
61.	F. K. Peacock,	Clerk,	State street.
62.	D. P. Wheeler,	Clerk,	Montgomery street.
66.	C. C. Burr,	Clerk,	Montgomery street.

Schedule of Property—Good Will Hose Co. No. 3.

Brick house and furniture, \$3,000; 1 four-wheel hand hose-carriage, \$600; 15 fire suits, \$150; 12 fire hats, \$75; 6 spanner belts, \$9; 12 spanners, \$9; 2 blunderbusses and nozzles, \$40; 2 hydrant wrenches, \$4; sponge and chamois skin, \$1.40; water-pail and dipper, \$1; 1 feather duster, \$4; 1 broom and shovel, \$2; mop and spittoons, \$4.50; copper kettle, \$8.50; 50 feet hand hose, \$10; carriage jack, \$3.50; screw wrench, \$1.50; 2 hydrant gates, \$25; 1 axe, \$1; 1 oil-can, .40; 2 hose clasps, \$6; 2 ladder straps, \$1; —total, \$3,956.80.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, "CITY OF CONCORD."

Central Fire Station—Warren Street.

OFFICERS.

N. B. BURLEIGH, *Foreman.*
A. L. LANE, *Asst. Foreman.*

ED. LANE, *Clerk.*

MEMBERS.

<i>No. of Badge.</i>	<i>Names.</i>	<i>Occupations.</i>	<i>Residences.</i>
63.	N. B. Burleigh,	Machinist,	Prince street.
64.	A. L. Lane,	Carriage-builder,	Perley street.
65.	Ed. Lane,	Carriage-builder,	Thorndike street.
74.	G. A. Huntoon,	Carpenter,	Laurel street.
72.	J. H. Lane,	Carriage-builder,	Laurel street.
75.	F. P. Burnham,	Blacksmith,	Downing street.
76.	Ben. Oulette,	Carpenter,	Jefferson street.
77.	Philip Plummer,	Car-builder,	Spring street.
71.	C. H. Smith,	Teamster,	Franklin street.
66.	D. D. Jameson,	Blacksmith,	Spring street.
79.	C. W. Abbott,	Blacksmith,	State street.
68.	J. G. Wells,	Painter,	Spring street.
78.	J. Wilkins,	Carpenter,	Montgomery street.
81.	F. H. Bean,	Carpenter,	School street.
82.	Fred Rusalow,	Painter,	Pierce street.
80.	J. P. Mansur,	Blacksmith,	School street.
70.	W. W. Kennedy,	Upholsterer,	Essex street.
73.	Frank Heath,	Blacksmith,	Union street.
67.	Frank Gerald,	Blacksmith,	Pierce street.
69.	E. G. Clark,	Boiler-maker,	Main street.

Schedule of Property—Hook and Ladder Co., "City of Concord."

Carriage and apparatus, \$1,700; 20 fire-suits, \$250; 20 fire-hats, \$125;—total, \$2,075.